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What Americans Like to Read.

Notwithstanding that the realistic novel finds warm defenders like Mr. Mangasarian, Americans as a rule do not find pleasure in it. During the past 20 years many such novels have been published here, but who can remember one that has achieved great popular success, enduring and growing into permanent demand? "The Jungle" attracted a great deal of attention for a brief period, but to-day, only a few months after its appearance, it is dead and buried. Zola's novels, perhaps the strongest of that school, have never had much vogue in this country. George Moore is almost unheard of on this side of the Atlantic. Frank Norris' books had a brief season of notice, but it is safe to say that nobody ever read any of them a second time. The novels that have the largest sale, in this country, like those which have the most faithful clientele, are romances of adventure, says the Chicago Journal. Even such stories as those of George Barr McCutcheon find readers in plenty, ignoring their lack of literary form for the sake of the incident. It is perhaps not altogether true that this state of affairs is a good one, or that American literary taste is sound. But the fact remains that the people at large have no use for realism, in the sense that it is a faithful report of the sadness of life or its horrors. Americans prefer to have their leisure time filled with tales of romance and adventure, stirring their blood to quicker flowing and exciting their fancy to broader range. That is a good sign, so far as their moral health is concerned. When the realistic novel becomes popular we may expect to find that a great change has taken place in the people, a change that makes them pessimistic and disheartened. But who could be pessimistic or disheartened with the country more prosperous than any other land has ever been since the dawn of history?

Daring of the Past.

The criminal industry of holding up and robbing railroad trains has languished of late, but an instance is reported from Gallup, N. M., where the robbers secured several hundred dollars from passengers. This is small business compared with the daring deeds of the past, when the brigands have often made off with the contents of an express car, sometimes running up into the thousands of dollars. But train-robbing has become perilous since the companies have taken vigorous steps to prevent. On some lines there is a well-organized staff, every person being a dead shot and a skilled rough rider, kept ready to start in instant pursuit of a band of robbers, and generally the miscreants are caught. The practical certainty of adequate punishment robs the business of its old-time charm and romance.

In the Show Business.

It seems strange and not altogether pleasing, that the United States government, as represented in the navy department, should be obliged to go into the show business to encourage enlistments, comments the Youth's Companion. The latest and most successful scheme is the moving-picture machine which shows the life of the bluejacket on shipboard, and some of it on land. The advertising value of the plan lies in the readiness and completeness by which it enables the recruiting officers to give applicants an accurate idea of their duties and pleasures. It is especially efficacious in the west, where less is known about life at sea. A recruiting party in Nebraska lately displayed the moving pictures to a crowd of 15,000 people.

New Dictator of China.

The most powerful individual in China to-day is Yuan Shi Kai, the viceroy of Tientsin. He is virtually the dictator of the empire, having as his ally the old empress dowager. No decree is issued from Peking without his approval. He is credited with having caused the Chinese government to issue the recent anti-opium decree. Yuan is a man of great force of character and a believer in progress. He has taken many steps to modernize his country. Numerous attempts have been made to assassinate him. It is hoped that through his efforts China will be transformed into a progressive land.

EAST TEXAS NEGROES BAD.

They Have the Pistol Toting Habit, as Evidenced by Results.

San Augustine, Tex.: The younger set of negroes of this section seem to have a mania for carrying arms and fighting. There have been two shooting scrapes in this county in the last week, one eight or ten miles southwest of town and the other six or seven miles south of town, both hitting the negroes they shot at, but not seriously wounding them.

Also only a short time ago Alfred Sharp, negro, killed John Head, white and escaped and has not been arrested yet, and one killed Dr. Paul of Center last Saturday, who was caught and hanged, which makes it seem like they are hunting trouble.

HIS LAST CALL.

Thos. H. Martin, One of Oldest Firemen in State, Dead.

Houston, Tex.: As the town bell was tolling the hour of 5 o'clock Sunday morning, Thomas H. Martin, who for years has headed its familiar fire calls, breathed his last at the family residence, 1308 Washington avenue, after a lingering illness extending over a period of more than four months.

"Tad" Martin, as he was familiarly known by the present fire boys and his comrades of olden days, was 51 years of age at the time of his death, and in point of service he was one of the oldest firemen, having served in various capacities from chief of the department to captain of a station, for more than twenty-eight years.

During the days of the volunteer department in this city he was an active worker, beginning service as a volunteer in the early seventies and continuing through until the volunteer department was eliminated and a paid department installed.

Jenkins Has a Plan.

Dallas, Tex.: C. H. Jenkins, of Brownwood, a member of the next legislature, proposes a new commission which shall sit at Austin ten months in each year and lick into legal shape the bills proposed by members; shall take up certain subjects, study them and draw bills to meet the requirements; this latter provision to apply especially to the tax laws, which are now very irregular.

Protests Against a Brewery.

Austin, Tex.: The church people and many ladies of Austin are greatly exercised over the possibility that a brewery may be established here. Open protests have been made against the proposed enterprise and a meeting of ladies who are opposed to the brewery industry has been called to meet today, at which a plan of opposition will be outlined.

Suit on Delivery of Coal.

Austin, Tex.: A. J. Zilker and Noyes D. Smith have filed suit in the district court here against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad company for \$10,000 damages for alleged loss to their business through delay in delivering coal shipments to them in Austin.

New Hotel May Replace Mahnecke.

San Antonio, Tex.: The site of the Mahnecke hotel, one of the old time hostleries of San Antonio, has been sold to a syndicate and it is said the price was \$200,000. It is rumored that the old building is to be replaced by a modern hotel to cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

Woman Fired on Wood Thief.

San Antonio, Tex.: Seeing a negro in her back yard calmly throwing store wood over the fence, Mrs. Walter Durbin, wife of Police Officer Durbin, walked back to her room and got a pistol. She fired four shots at the negro. He began to run after the first shot and she does not know whether or not she wounded the man.

A \$700,000 PACKERY.

New York Capital to Be Put With \$150,000 at Houston.

Houston, Tex.: Yesterday the committee who had been appointed to take the matter up, called upon the business men and raised \$50,000. This was the first step toward raising \$150,000 for the establishment of another packing house in this city. The Industrial Club had taken up a proposition that had been accepted by outside capital to put in \$550,000, provided local business men would raise \$150,000, making a total of \$700,000, for the purpose of erecting the plant. The outside capital will be put in by New York capitalists, and the movement is now considered a go. Some of the very best business men here are in the movement. The details as to location and plans of construction will come later.

OFF FOR PANAMA.

Quite a Bunch of Blacksmiths and Machinists Have Left.

Houston, Tex.: In response to the recruiting work done here by an agent, between thirty and forty blacksmiths and machinists employed by the railroads left over the Southern Pacific for New Orleans on their way to Panama. They have accepted the offer of the government, and last night wives and sweethearts and sisters were on hand at the depot to say farewell. Of course, there were tears and lingering goodbyes. They were nearly all Houston people, of whom some had been reared here. It appears that the nucleus of the agreement, which gives them an opportunity to return here on a visit after six months, with pay, was the most attractive argument.

ADVISED TO LEAVE TOWN.

Six Negroes at San Antonio Discharged Without Honor.

San Antonio, Tex.: At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the six negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry who were at Fort San Antonio were discharged without honor. They were to have been discharged several days ago, but the order of Secretary of War Taft prevented.

These negroes have been advised to leave San Antonio, as it is thought that it will be impossible for them to obtain labor here.

President's Order Being Executed.

Fort Ransom, N. D.: The discharge of the members of the Twenty-fifth Infantry was resumed here today. Another half company of negro soldiers was discharged, making a full company mustered out of service since President Roosevelt's order was issued. Half a company is being discharged at a time. There remain two companies yet to be discharged.

IMPRISONED IN A CAR.

Negro Beaten, Robbed and Three Days Without Food.

Paris, Tex.: While a switch engine crew was at work on the transfer between the Frisco and Texas & Pacific yesterday their attention was attracted by some one pounding on the inside walls of a furniture car and calling for help. The doors on both sides were found closed and sealed. On opening the car a half-famished negro was found in it. The darky said that he had been in the car three days and nights. His home is in this city and he worked at the compress.

Resorters From a Steamer.

Port Arthur, Tex.: The jailer at the city jail awoke this morning and found that he was three prisoners shy, they having cut a bar from one of the windows. The men were deserters from the steamship Huntcliff, which sailed this morning. She had to go to sea with a short crew.

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